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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

JUNE 16, 2009

REVISED ITEM #4 - NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County is one of the largest natural and cultural history museums in the United States. Founded in 1913, the Museum serves more than one million families and visitors annually, and, by virtue of its size and number of visitors should be a national leader in research, exhibitions and education. The Natural History family of Museums includes the Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits, and William S. Hart Museum and Ranch in Newhall.

The Board of Supervisors and the Museum entered into an operating agreement in 1994 in part to “use their respective properties, resources and personnel to operate in an efficient and economical manner an integrated Museum program that includes County, private, contractual, grant-supported and other activities, with a view to maintaining and enhancing the Museum’s, educational, curatorial and cultural activities and its public image”.

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Since fiscal year 2005-06, the County has allocated over \$55.9 million for operating costs, and \$21.2 million dollars for capital improvements from the general fund for a total of \$77.1 million dollars. The County's proposed budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 includes another \$13.961 million dollars for operating expenses. In order to maximize the best use of County funds, the Board of Supervisors must be kept abreast of planned uses of scarce County dollars.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Director of the Natural History Museum to report to the Board at its June 16 Board meeting on the plans for future exhibits, either permanent or temporary, planned for the next five years, including a timeline with milestones including potential exhibitions and fund raising efforts.

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